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1. [redacted] the GDR government might move to Leipzig. [redacted] brought about in connection with the Soviet intention [redacted] Four-Power status of Berlin. [redacted] is working for peaceful co-existence between the Eastern and Western camps and [redacted] it was willing to accept the permanent division of Germany as a price for this goal. Moscow was considering giving Berlin the status of a free city such as was enjoyed by Danzig prior to 1939. The city was to be placed under a government appointed by UN and assisted by representatives of the USSR, the USA, Great Britain, France, West Germany, and the GDR. 25X1
2. In the event that the government moved to Leipzig, Nuschke would resign his government post and remain in Berlin. He was to become a trusted spokesman of the Soviets and was to enter the government established for the re-united city. This plan was based on the assumption that Nuschke enjoyed the confidence of bourgeois and Christian circles in both West and East Berlin. The leadership of the CDU-Ost would in this case be exercised by a directorate which would have its headquarters in Leipzig. 25X1
3. A member of the Press Office of the Minister President travelled to Leipzig on 20 December 1954 in order to prepare the transfer of the government of this city. One department of the Press Office had already moved to Leipzig. [redacted] other government departments had already transferred to Leipzig or Dresden. 25X1

Comment. Information on plans to move the GDR government from East Berlin to Leipzig was received previously. It is, however, believed that these plans will not be executed prior to the implementation of the Paris agreements. It therefore appears improbable that individual government departments have already been transferred from Berlin to Leipzig as mentioned in the present report.

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